persica) at the Greater Gir Region including the Gir PA System" for an amount of Rs. 226.08 crore. The main activities proposed under the project are:

(i) Management planning and capacity building.

(ii) Wildlife research, education and nature awareness.

(iii) Anti-poaching/protection activities.

(iv) Strengthening of infrastructure.

(v) Veterinary care.

(vi) Strengthening staff welfare activities

(vii) Habitat improvement.

(viii) Addressing man-animal conflict.

(ix) Relocation of forest dwellers including Maldharis from Gir.

(x) Eco-tourism

(xi) Over all O and M.

Such proposals are considered by the Central Government subject to the availability of funds and fulfillment of procedural requirements.

Receding of water bodies in NER

3230. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the fast receding water bodies in Assam and other parts of the North-Eastern region;

(b) how far it has affected the rain fall in the region over the last two decades; and

(c) whether any study has been made and scheme developed, to recharge the water bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Government has approved a programme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies with any outlay of Rs. 10,000 crore in the Eleventh Plan. The programmes covers all states of the country and aims at improvement of water bodies, improvement of catchments areas of tank commands, increase in storage capacity of water bodies, ground water recharge, improvement in agriculture and increased availability of drinking water. The State Governments including the North Eastern States have been requested to submit proposals under the scheme.

Bio-safety mechanism on Bt. Brinjal

3231. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bio-safety mechanism that the Ministry has on Bt. Brinjal;

(b) whether this information is available in the public domain;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and